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## State's December 1 Hog & Pig Inventory

HARRISBURG, PA, December 28, 2007 - - There were 1,130,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on December 1, 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This estimated inventory was 50,000 head more than the previous year's inventory but 30,000 head less than the September 1 inventory.

Market hog inventory, at 1,030,000 head, decreased 30,000 head since September and was up 55,000 head from December 2006; while the breeding herd inventory, at 100,000 head was unchanged from September, and down 5,000 head from a year ago. The September-November 2007 pig crop totaled 445,000 head, up 58,000 head from the same period a year ago. There were 50,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 5,000 more than the previous quarter and 7,000 more than the previous year. The average pigs saved per litter this quarter was 8.9, down from 9.6 pigs per litter the previous quarter, but down from the 9.0 pigs per litter average from a year ago.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 47,000 sows farrow during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter, 3,000 more than actually farrowed for the same period in 2007; and 46,000 for the March - May 2008 quarter, also up 1,000 from the number of sows that actually farrowed during that time in 2007.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007, was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.0 million head, was up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2007 U.S. pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2006 and up 7 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.03 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-November 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.98 million sows farrow during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for March-May 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are up slightly from 2007 and up 4 percent from 2006.

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